



IN THE CLAIMS:

26. A tone waveform synthesizing apparatus comprising:  
a storage adapted to temporarily store a plurality of tone waveform samples, said storage  
permitting the writing and reading, independently of each other, in a parallel fashion; and  
a processor coupled to said storage and adapted to generate a plurality of tone waveform  
samples in advance of predetermined reproduction timing, said processor adapted to control  
writing of the generated tone waveform samples into said storage and reading out the tone  
waveform samples from said storage at said reproduction timing, the writing and reading into  
and from said storage being controlled independently of each other and also in such a manner  
that an advance of the writing does not outpace an advance of the reading.